

REMARKS

Initially Applicants would like to thank Examiner Kim for granting an interview and for his time spent during the interview.

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 4 and 5 were previously pending in the application. Claim 5 is canceled, leaving claim 4 for consideration.

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected as unpatentable over MOON et al. U.S. 2002/0093614 in view of CHOO et al. 6,642,979. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 5 and recites the third contact holes are formed inside the first contact holes and the fourth contact holes are formed inside the second contact holes.

By way of example, as pointed out at the interview, Figures 23A and 23C of the present application, reproduced below, show that third contact hole 96, formed in second organic insulating film 62, is inside the contact hole (unnumbered) of first organic insulating film 61 and fourth contact hole 97 of the second organic insulating film 62, is inside the contact hole (unnumbered) of first organic insulating film 61.

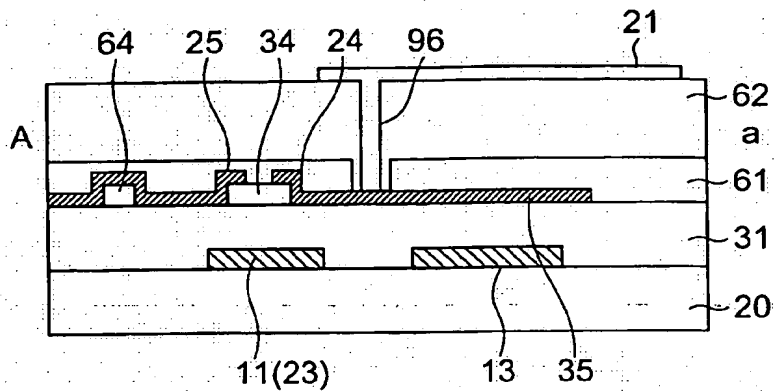


FIG. 23A

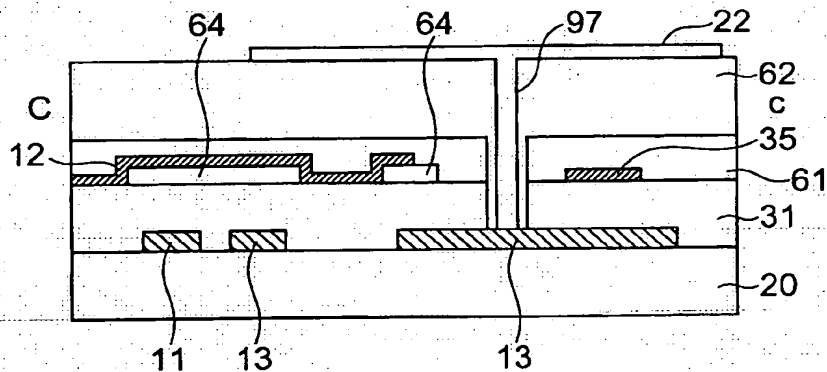
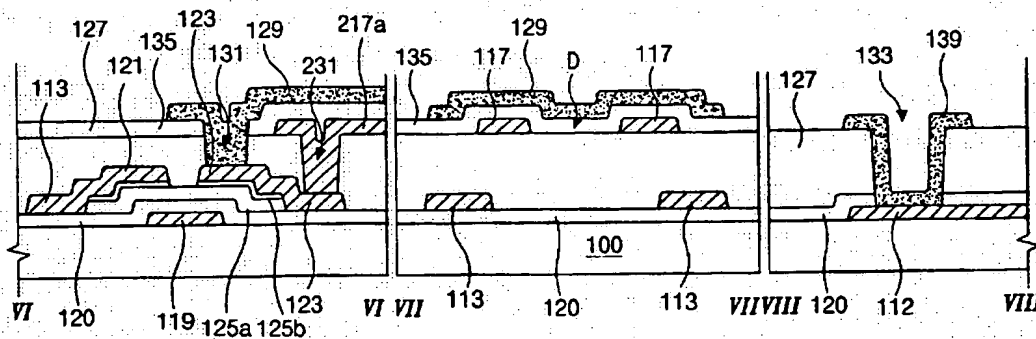


FIG. 23C

The Official Action offers CHOO et al. as disclosing this feature. However, as set forth at the interview, the CHOO reference does not disclose that for which it is offered.

Rather, as seen in Figure 7B of CHOO, reproduced below, the single contact hole 131 that goes through layer 135 and through layer 127 is formed as a unitary contact hole so that the contact holes in layers 135 and 127 do not have any overlap and thus are not formed one inside the other.



**FIG. 7B**

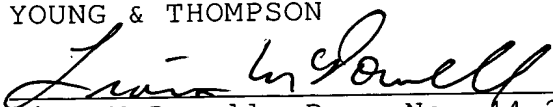
As agreed at the interview, CHOO does not disclose third contact holes formed inside first contact holes and fourth contact holes formed inside second contact holes as recited. MOON et al. does not overcome the shortcomings of CHOO as to this feature.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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